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NITRO UPDATE
**THREE IOWA MEN INDICTED FOR TRANSPORTING
MOLOTOV COCKTAIL IN ATCHISON COUNTY**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that three defendants have been indicted by a federal grand jury for transporting an explosive device across state lines. The indictment, Graves said, is the result of work completed by the NITRO Task Force.

Timothy S. Binau, 32, Larry Vernon Galloway, Jr., 26, and Christopher R. Raudales, 18, all of Hamburg, Iowa, were indicted by a federal grand jury in Kansas City on Jan. 27, 2004.

The federal indictment alleges that the three co-defendants transported an explosive device, known commonly as a “Molotov Cocktail,” across state lines with the intent to unlawfully damage a vehicle. The federal indictment alleges that the co-defendants transported the explosive device between Nov. 1, 2003, and Dec. 31, 2003, in Atchison County, Mo.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Bruce Rhoades. It was investigated by the Atchison County, Mo., Sheriff’s Department, the Hamburg, Iowa, Police Department, the Fremont County, Iowa, Sheriff’s Department and the NITRO Task Force. NITRO is the Northwest Missouri Interagency Team Response Operation, a joint law enforcement effort by the United States Attorney’s Office and federal, state and local law enforcement agencies in the 16-county region.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the indictment is simply an accusation, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

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